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Reply to Attn of:

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FROM:

AL/Assistant Chief Counsel for General Legal Matters

SUBJECT:

Widely Attended Gathering Determination Regarding Attendance of

the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA) Foundation is hosting the 20th Annual RNASA Space Awards

Banquet

On March 24, 2006, the RNASA Foundation is hosting the 20th annual RNASA Space Awards Banquet at the Hyatt Regency Houston in downtown Houston, Texas.

The event is to begin at 6:00 p.m. and last for several hours. Dinner will be served to all attendees. Astronaut Colonel Eileen Collins, United States Air Force Retired, NASA's first female Space Shuttle Commander will receive the National Space Trophy for 2006.

Various people from JSC and the aerospace community have been invited to attend this event. The event is of direct interest to NASA and serves as a forum for facilitating the widest practicable dissemination of information concerning the Agency, the U.S. civilian space programs, and JSC educational and community outreach.

It is my determination that it is in the Agency's interest for JSC invitees to attend. Their attendance outweighs any concern that the acceptance of any benefits may, or may appear to improperly influence any NASA employee in the performance of official duties.

Accordingly, JSC invitees and their guests are authorized to attend and to accept any food and refreshments offered in conjunction with this event, at no cost.

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